pleased to state the details of effective checks devised by RBI against full-fledged money changers (FFMCs) to rake in profits from the black market out of basic travel quota for travel outside India?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI MANMOHAN SINGH): The details of effective checks devised by RBI in regard to Basic Travel Quota (BTQ) are given in the enclosed Statement.

Statement

The regulations covering release of exchange under BTQ are:—

i) The Indian national can avail of exchange under BTQ upto US$ 2,000 in a calendar year for private visits abroad.

ii) The traveller is required to produce to the full-fledged money changers or authorised dealers an outbound ticket and his passport in original alongwith the application for drawal of exchange under BTQ indicating the proposed places of visit outside the country.

iii) The FFMC/AD releasing exchange is required to verify the passport to check whether the traveller has drawn exchange under BTQ during the current calendar year and to arrive at the balance if any available to him under his BTQ entitlement.

iv) The FFMC/AD should also check the declaration made in application with reference to the outbound ticket produced.

v) In case the rupee payment for buying the exchange is equivalent to or more than Rs. 50,000/-, the FFMC/AD releasing exchange should insist on the rupee payment being made by way of the account payee cheque drawn on the bank account of the applicant or by way of a draft supported by a certificate from a draft issuing bank that the payment for the draft has been received by debit to the account. The exchange in the form of cash can be issued only to the extent of US$ 550 per person except when the proposed visit is to Russia, CIS countries or Iran.

Offer from Private Companies to Operate Airlines

1032. DR. SANJAYA SINH:
SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA:
SHRI RAMJI LAL:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the offer received by Government from individuals–private companies for operating airlines in the country during the last two years;

(b) what are the names of the private airlines which have been allowed to operate along with the names of the routes during that period;

(c) what are the names of the individuals/private companies which have not been allowed to operate airlines alongwith the reasons in each case; and

(d) whether any private airlines have requested for operation on global routes and if so, what are the details thereof and the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) The domestic air transport industry was demonopolised with the repeal of the Air Corporations Act, 1953 effective from 1.3.94 44 applications have been received for operation fo air transport services since September, 1994 and at present there are, in all, 6 scheduled and 15 non-scheduled operators. The scheduled operators are:

(i) Archana Airways

(ii) Damania Airways

(iii) East West Airlines

(iv) Jet Airways

(v) Modiluft

(vi) N.E.P.C.

The Scheduled operators are allowed to provide service to any of the notified airports subject to approval of the schedules by the D.G.C.A.

(c) Details of applications for air transport services which have been rejected/not approved so far are given in the enclosed Statement (*see* below). Broadly the reasons for rejections–non approval are: inaedequacy of necessary information, aircraft type not conforming to Government policy, non-submission of security programme, non-acceptability of base of operation, non-availability of FIPB clearance in case of joint venture proposals etc.

(d) Private operators are allowed to operate only on domestic sectors.

Statement

Names of applications whose proposal to operate scheduled/non-scheduled operations has been rejected/not approved so far

Sl. No.	Name of Applicant	Proposal
1.	Bagade Airways	NOC for non-scheduled services
2.	Bawa Aviation & Maintenance	NOC for scheduled services
3.	Bengal Air Services	-do-
4.	Clark Air	-do-
5.	Classic Airways	-do-
6.	Goa Way Aviation	-do-
7.	Golden Hill Aviation	NOC for non-scheduled services
8.	Joymat Airlines	-do-
9.	Narbheram Leasing Co.	-do-
10.	Orient Airways	NOC for scheduled services
11.	Patel Airways	NOC for non-scheduled services
12.	Pushpaka Aviation	-do-
13.	Raga Airlines	-do-
14.	Skylark Inland Airways	NOC for scheduled services
15.	Trans India Airlines	-do-
16.	United India	-do-
17.	Choice Airlines	-do-
18.	Indotik Airways	-do-
19.	Tata-Singapore Airlines	-do-

Proposal from Bihar State for Development of Tourism

1033. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the year-wise details of the complete and eligible proposals submitted by the State of Bihar to Government during the last three years for the development of tourism in the State;

(b) how much Central financial assistance was sanctioned for each project or proposal, year-wise; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and